

IN THE DRAWINGS

In Figure 3 the numeral 24 has been inserted, indicating the segment peripheral wall portion, as also it occurs in Figures 1 and 2.

In Figure 4, the lead line from numeral 25 has been extended to indicate the collective peripheral wall 25, which comprises the three segments 24, collectively assembled.

The collective relationship of the segment peripheral wall portions 24 with the container peripheral wall 25 is set forth on Page 4, in the first four lines of the Detailed Description Of The Invention

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of 11/16/2005, in the Drawings, Figure 3 has been corrected by the insertion of reference numeral 24, and in Figure 4, the lead line from reference numeral 25 has been redirected.

Concerning the Specification, the collective relationship of the segment peripheral wall portions 24 with the container peripheral wall 25 is set forth on Page 4, in the first four lines of the Detailed Description Of The Invention

In the claims extensive amendment s have been made, in order to meet the Examiner's objections, and to distinguish over the Spadaro (US 3,072,280) and Hunt et al (US 5,101,972) references, cited by the Examiner.

Claim 1 has been amended in order to pass the three-prong test, and also to distinguish over Spadaro and Hunt et al.

Claim 1 now recites the 'at least three' segments of the present invention, and the 'means for' final limitation of Claim 1 has deleted the structural modification, while bringing out the serially connected aspect, illustrated in Figures 8 of three container segments connected in open, side by side relation, in keeping with the requirements of the 3-prong test, and to afford clear distinction over the Spadaro and Hunt et al references.

The two-piece containers of both Spadaro and Hunt et al are quite dissimilar from the subject container, in that, having but two halves they are incapable of use in an open position, in the manner of the present invention, illustrated in Figure 8

It will be evident, in light of the segments being substantially identical, that a number of the segments can be serially connected in the form of a display 'train', as an extension of the Figure 8 embodiment.

Spadaro's illustration shows that his container cannot stand without a base; his drawing shows a wire stand.

It also appears to show that a secondary base can be clipped to the Spadaro container into two holes (24).

Spadaro's hinging mechanism doesn't appear to allow for a full 180 (or more) degree rotation - so that his container cannot be used in a stable, open configuration, as a set of free-standing, open adjoined stands.

In the illustrated embodiment of the present invention the three segments of the CD holder each has three grooves, to contain three CD's when in a closed condition, but capable of holding and displaying nine CD's when in it's open condition.

In this open condition, additional container segments can also be attached by way of the disengageable hinge means, in the form of a connected 'train' of clipped-together display stand segments, each containing its complement of three CD discs.

Incidentally, the arrangement of Spadaro's hinge elements does not lend itself to low cost production by way of injection moulding, in contrast to the subject invention.

It is respectfully submitted that Claim 1 now meets the three-prong test, and in its recitation of "at least three" segments, together with the limitation "for connecting said three segments of said container in open, side by side serially connected relation", affords clear distinction over the Spadaro and Hunt et al references, taken singly or in combination. It is evident from the figures of both references that their construction, and in particular, their use of stand portions (Spadaro -- S, 58, 59, 60; Hunt et al -- 26) that their two segments are entirely unsuitable for use in "open, side by side serially connected relation".

Claims 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8 through 12 have been extensively amended for purposes of clarity and

accuracy, and to meet the Examiner's objections. It is respectfully submitted that, taken in combination with amended Claim 1, that the balance of the claims also define novel combinations that afford patentable distinction over Spadaro and Hunt et al.

Consideration of the claims with a view to their allowance is requested.

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